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From: Wintrob, Paul
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Tisa, Kimberly; Lombardo, Ginny; Barmakian, Nancy; Chow, James; McGuire, Karen; Gutro, Doug; Norcross, Jeffrey
Subject: Fwd: Fairfield

Kim and Co.

Here are some of the issues the delegation hopes to cover during our 1:30 pm call in Mt Crocker on Monday.

All the best,

Paul
617.918.1514

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal)" <Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov>
Date: January 31, 2020 at 4:30:45 PM EST
To: "Wintrob, Paul" <Wintrob.Paul@epa.gov>, "Tickey, Jimmy" <Jimmy.Tickey@mail.house.gov>, "Curran, Kenny (Murphy)" <Kenny_Curran@murphy.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Fairfield

Also, Paul, the following questions reflect the general thrust of the conversation. Really just want to get a better sense of the interplay with all the moving parts and how we may be of assistance here. There may be other questions of course but probably along these lines. Have a good weekend!

1. How does the EPA notice of violation relate to the previously issued DEEP notice of violation? And the ongoing criminal action against individual perpetrators
2. The town is working with DEEP on their expected compliance with the NOV, would they also need EPA sign or are they two different things
3. Is EPA talking with the town of Fairfield on their clean up?
4. If the town finalizes an approved remediation plan, would EPA be willing to talk with the town about any assistance that might be available?

From: Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal)
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Wintrob, Paul <Wintrob.Paul@epa.gov>; Tickey, Jimmy <Jimmy.Tickey@mail.house.gov>; Curran, Kenny (Murphy) <Kenny_Curran@murphy.senate.gov>
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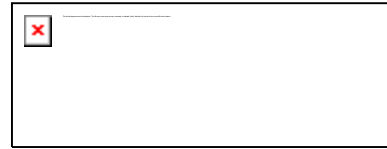
[No problem. Coincidentally, I did exactly the same thing](#)

From: Tickey, Jimmy <Jimmy.Tickey@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Curran, Kenny (Murphy) <Kenny_Curran@murphy.senate.gov>; Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal) <Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov>; Wintrob, Paul <Wintrob.Paul@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Fairfield

I am available anytime after 1:30pm.
Thanks,
Jimmy

Jimmy Tickey

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From: Curran, Kenny (Murphy) <Kenny_Curran@murphy.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal) <Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov>; Wintrob, Paul <Wintrob.Paul@epa.gov>
Cc: Tickey, Jimmy <Jimmy.Tickey@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Fairfield
I am unavailable 2pm-3:30pm on Monday but ok before and after.
Kc

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Be nice when possible.
PS It's always possible.

From: Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal) <Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Wintrob, Paul <Wintrob.Paul@epa.gov>
Cc: Tickey, Jimmy <Jimmy.Tickey@mail.house.gov>; Curran, Kenny (Murphy) <Kenny_Curran@murphy.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Fairfield
Monday afternoon is good for me. Will get you some questions. Pretty much general process ones.

From: Wintrob, Paul <Wintrob.Paul@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal) <Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov>
Cc: Tickey, Jimmy <Jimmy.Tickey@mail.house.gov>; Curran, Kenny (Murphy) <Kenny_Curran@murphy.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Fairfield
Hi Rich, Kenny and Jimmy:
Our key subject matter expert is available on Monday afternoon, can you let me know if your calendars are free during that time block?
Also, it would be helpful if you could share your additional questions in advance, just so that I make sure I have the right folks on the call.
Thanks!
Paul
617.918.1514

From: Wintrob, Paul
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 1:09 PM

To: Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal) <Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov>

Cc: Tickey, Jimmy <Jimmy.Tickey@mail.house.gov>; Curran, Kenny (Murphy) <Kenny_Curran@murphy.senate.gov>

Subject: Re: Fairfield

Hi Rich,

Sounds good. I'm on it.

Best Regards,

Paul

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On Jan 30, 2020, at 12:33 PM, Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal) <Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov> wrote:

Thanks. Yes, we were aware of the call with Himes' staff but wanted us all to have the same information going forward. We also had a number of other questions aside from clean up assistance. Talk with you soon.

Rich

From: Wintrob, Paul <Wintrob.Paul@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:44 PM

To: Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal) <Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov>; Tickey, Jimmy <Jimmy.Tickey@mail.house.gov>; Curran, Kenny (Murphy) <Kenny_Curran@murphy.senate.gov>

Subject: RE: Fairfield

Hi Rich,

Sure, I'll connect with staff and get back to you. As you probably know, we had a call on Friday afternoon with staff from Rep. Himes's office (Vernita Tertullien and Sean Higgins) regarding this issue.

I'll send a note along right now and let you know as soon as I hear back.

Best Regards,

Paul

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From: Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal) <Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:34 PM

To: Wintrob, Paul <Wintrob.Paul@epa.gov>; Tickey, Jimmy <Jimmy.Tickey@mail.house.gov>; Curran, Kenny (Murphy) <Kenny_Curran@murphy.senate.gov>

Subject: Fairfield

Paul, hope you are well. The town of Fairfield approached Sens. Blumenthal and Murphy and Congressman Himes alerting us to a PCB pollution issue involving town owned property known as the Reclamation Yard. The town had previously cleaned up PCB contamination in 2017 and had been working with Connecticut DEEP on addressing an additional source of PCB pollution ostensibly arising from debris that a town contractor allowed to be disposed of on the site. DEEP had noted the town's testing company had found PCB levels in the 8.6 to 9.6 ppm range. DEEP had conducted additional testing on their own and issued a notice of violation. Subsequent to that order, EPA issued their NOV on January 17, 2020 citing PCB levels of up to 230 ppm. We are also aware that there is an ongoing criminal investigation into various aspects of this operation by the Connecticut chief state's attorney's office.

The town recognizes their responsibility to clean up the pollution and is in the process of contracting with an LEP and is meeting with DEEP tomorrow to coordinate the scope of the clean up.

Given the complicated nature of this situation and the town's efforts to address the pollution, we would like to have a conference call with EPA to get your perspective on what is going on in Fairfield and the goals of the EPA in obtaining corrective action. Could you arrange such a call? Thanks.

Rich

Rich Kehoe

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